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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION (CPA) Filing Date Granted

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on 4-403 is entitled to a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1). The CPA request, however, lacks the filing fee(s) and/or items indicated below.

Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file the fee(s), item(s), and any surcharge required below to avoid abandonment of this CPA. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The total amount owed by applicant is the sum of items 1(a) or (b), 2, and 3 (if checked) below.

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		(a) Applicant must submit \$ to complete the basic filing fee and the \$130.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) (non-small entity), or \$ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and file a small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 claiming such status (if the prior application was entitled to small entity status and such status is still proper and desired, a new small entity statement is not required (37 CFR 1.28)).  (b) Applicant must submit \$\frac{375}{275}\$ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).
×	2.	Additional claim fees of  \$(non-small entity) or \$\frac{136.00}{136.00} (small entity) forindependent claims over 3.  \$(non-small entity) or \$(small entity) forclaims over 20.  \$(non-small entity) or \$(small entity) for multiple dependent claim surcharge.  Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.
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Ц		A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).
	4.	The CPA request is unsigned. Applicant must file a signed duplicate or ratification of the CPA request.
	5.	Other:

A copy of this Notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:

Arthur ASHMAN

Application No.: 09/448,692

Filed: November 24, 1999

Art Unit: 3738

For: SOFT TISSUE SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD

OF SOFT TISSUE REFORMATION

Examiner: D. Isabella

Confirmation No. 5329

## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed December 20, 2003. Applicant submits the following:

- 1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 2. Basic Filing Fee for Application;
- 3. Surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) for late filing of fee and/or oath; and
- 4. Petition for Extension of Time (two months).

Applicant notes that the Notice specifies that the basic filing fee to be paid (small entity) is \$375.00. However, Applicant is submitting a basic small entity filing fee of \$385.00, which took effect January 1, 2004. In addition, the Notice states that additional claim fees are of \$135.00 (small

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED DECEMBER 20, 2003

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entity) for 15 independent claims over 3. Applicant submits that the Notice was marked in error, and what should have been marked is that there were 15 total claims over 20 in the application after the preliminary amendment filed April 4, 2003. This would be consistent with the indicated \$135.00 amount based on Applicant's small entity status. However, additional claims have been added by the second preliminary amendment filed herewith.

Our check in payment for the above amounts in enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: January 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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